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SUBJECT: CABLE FROM ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO  
MR. ERIK DITHMER

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM  
ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOWDLER TO MR. ERIK A. DITHMER  
PRESIDENT, AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF COSTA RICA.

BEGIN QUOTE:

SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS ASKED ME TO REPLY TO YOUR CABLE  
OF AUGUST 30. I SHARE YOUR INTEREST IN HAVING AN  
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN COSTA RICA, AND WE ARE MAKING EVERY  
EFFORT TO FILL THIS POST AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.  
I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE  
UNITED STATES AND FOR THE AMERICAN RESIDENTS OF COSTA  
RICA. WITH BEST REGARDS, WILLIAM G. BOWDLER, ACTING  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS.  
END QUOTE.

2. TEXT OF CABLE RECEIVED FROM MR. DITHMER FOLLOWS:

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HONORABLE HENRY KISSINGER, SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

WE RESPECTFULLY URGE YOUR APPOINTMENT AMBASSADOR TO  
COSTA RICA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE STRONGLY FEEL  
THAT THIS APPOINTMENT WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF  
U.S. AND OUR CITIZENS LIVING HERE STOP WE HAVE BEEN  
WITHOUT AN AMBASSADOR SINCE LAST FEBRUARY. RESPECTFULLY,  
ERIK A. DITHMER, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
OF COSTA RICA.  
END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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